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case arises where discretion is to be exercised, I said, it is exercised in such a way that it helps to secure or do some good."

SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—" Will the Government, Sir, consider the desirability of framing rules for the guidance of those authorities,—whether it be the Government, the Secretary to Government or the Superintendent of the Estate,—entrusted with the management of the Estate, so that the allotments could be made according to these rules? "

THE HON. SRI H. SITARAMA REDDI :—" Yes, Sir, that is one of the things under consideration."

Report of the Special Officer on Ryotwari areas.

* 84 *Q.*—SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO : Will the Hon. the Minister for Land Revenue be pleased to place on the table of the House a copy of the report of the Special Officer on Ryotwari areas and what action, if any, is proposed on his recommendations?

THE HON. SRI H. SITARAMA REDDI :—" It is presumed that the Hon. Member is referring to the report of the Special Officer on Land Tenures in the Ryotwari Areas of the Madras Province submitted in August 1947. This report was published on 1st July 1951, the price of a copy being Rs. 4–2–0. As only 500 copies were printed, it is not possible to place copies of the report on the table of the House. Twelve copies have however been supplied to the Legislature Library for the use of the Hon. Members.

" The Land Revenue Reforms Committee had considered the report of the Special Officer mentioned above when preparing its first report. The first report of the Land Revenue Reforms Committee is being examined by the Government and the recommendations of the Special Officer will also be taken into consideration before arriving at a decision on the several recommendations made by the Land Revenue Reforms Committee."

SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—" Both the Special Officer for Land Revenue and the Land Revenue Reforms Committee agreed on one thing, Sir, regarding the enhancement of rent in certain districts owing to resettlement and the need for bringing down the rent to the same level as those prevailing in districts where resettlement had not taken place. Why have the Government taken, Sir, nearly six to eight months to arrive at a decision to rectify a wrong which has been going on for years? " 11-15 a.m.

THE HON. SRI H. SITARAMA REDDI :—" Both the Special Officer for Land Revenue and the Land Revenue Reforms Committee have agreed, Sir, and the Government wanted to bring in all the reforms that have been suggested, which have been accepted and which are going to be accepted, in one measure."

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SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—" Sir, this is a matter that affects the ryot population. This was pointed out first by the Marjoribanks Committee presided over by Mr. Marjoribanks, then by the Special Officer for Land Revenue, and lastly by the Land Revenue Reforms Committee. And yet, for years this Government have been collecting enhanced land revenue from certain parts of the State while ryots in other parts have been let off lightly. Should not the Hon. Minister, whose district (Bellary) is one of the affected districts, take up this question . . ."

CHAIRMAN :—" Is the hon. Member is making a Budget speech? "

SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—" Unfortunately there is no use in my making this suggestion at the Budget time. The Hon. Minister may not be able to give effect to it."

THE HON. SRI H. SITARAMA REDDI :—" Sir, can the fact that my district is affected be a consideration for doing a particular thing? As I said the Government have been considering the question and the remarks of the hon. Member have been noted for the guidance of the future Ministers."

Basis on which building and equipment grants are made for educational institutions.

* 85 *Q.*—SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(*a*) what are the allotments made by Government for (1) building and (2) equipment grants in 1951–52 for aided (i) colleges, (ii) high schools and (iii) elementary schools; and

(*b*) whether the basis on which building and equipment grants are made has been altered and if so, what the present basis is?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" (*a*) The allotments made are as furnished in the statement [a] No. 1 laid on the Table of the House.

" (*b*) The basis on which building and equipment grants are made has not been altered recently. The present basis is as indicated in the Statement [a] No. 2 laid on the Table of the House."

SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—" May I know, Sir, whether there is a proposal before the Government to enlarge the basis of grants for building and equipment? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" Notice."

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[a] **Printed as Appendix III on pages 140–141 infra.**